



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of July 30 thru August 5, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 819 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**GUN SHOT WOUND** - On July 30 at 3:30 p.m. on the 1100 block of Payne Avenue a 39 year old woman had been shot several times. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On July 30 at 1:39 p.m. on the 300 block of Hamline Avenue South fire crews responded to a reported house explosion. Firefighters arrived to find a room and its contents on fire which was extinguished rapidly. Damage is estimated at \$103,000.

**PEDESTRIAN STRUCK** - On July 30 at 9:38 p.m. on Hoyt Avenue West and Lexington Pkwy North an 18 year old man had been struck by a vehicle. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**UNATTENDED COOKING** - On July 31 at 12 Midnight on the 100 block of Annapolis Avenue West fire companies were dispatched to a report of an apartment fire. They arrived to find smoke in the common hallway, they stretched a hoseline and quickly extinguished a kitchen fire. The ignition source was an electrical element on the stovetop. Damage is estimated at \$120,000.



*Kitchen fire on the 100 block of Annapolis Avenue*

**BASEMENT FIRE** - On July 31 at 8:30 a.m. on the 900 block of Central Avenue West the resident was sitting in her chair on the first floor when she heard a pop from the basement. She went to investigate and saw smoke coming from the basement and evacuated the building. She then called 9-1-1. Firefighters extinguished a small fire in the ceiling area in the basement. Damage is estimated at \$6,000.

**CHILD FIRE PLAY** – on July 31 at 11:33 a.m. on the 60 block of East Winona three young boys were lighting matches and throwing them over the fence. The mulch caught fire and starting the fence on fire. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.



- For information about Fire Play Intervention for a child playing with fire, PLEASE call the fire department's Public Education Office at 651-228-6203.

**DWELLING FIRE** - On August 1 at 9:19 a.m. on the 900 block of Burr Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of flames coming from the rear of a dwelling. Firefighters arrived to find the rear sun room fully involved in fire. The homeowners had left a candle burning on a small table in front of the couch in the sun room. She had gone outside to bring her dog in. When she returned to the inside the sun room was on fire. An adult female occupant was transported to the hospital. Damage is estimated at \$455,000.



**KITCHEN FIRE** - On August 1 at 12:40 p.m. on the 140 block of 4th Street East fire companies were called to a report of smoke in the hallway of an apartment building. Upon arrival, they found a small fire on the stovetop and extinguished it. Three burners were found in the on position. The occupants were in the process of moving in and had placed combustible items on the flat stovetop surface and accidentally bumped into the control knobs while moving boxes onto a center island across from the stove. Damage is estimated at \$47,400.

**CARELESSLY DISCARDED CIGARETTES** - On August 3 at 6:31 p.m. on the 400 block of Van Dyke Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a deck on fire in the rear of an apartment building. They arrived to find a small deck fire burning and quickly extinguished it. A friend from the unit above the one with fire damage had been smoking and discarded the cigarette butt by discarding it below. Damage is estimated at \$2,500.

**ARSON** - On August 3 at 7:43 p.m. on the 1500 block of Woodbridge Street fire companies were dispatched to an alarm sounding in the hallway. Firefighters discovered a fire that was out located in the basement level. This fire was set by juveniles. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

**GUN SHOT WOUND** - On August 5 at 10:58 p.m. on Hamline Avenue No. and Marshall Avenue an unidentified man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** – On August 5 at 1:59 a.m. on the 800 block of Tatum Street firefighters extinguished a vehicle that was intentionally set on fire. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.